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SB0655 - Income Tax - Credit for Firearm Safety Devices

**Favorable**

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As a Maryland constituent, student, and civil rights advocate, I frequently find myself testifying against gun bills in Annapolis. The Maryland General Assembly's status-quo has consisted of new legislation that would heavily impact firearm ownership/do nothing to crime, amend the expected jailtime from decades (even centuries) to years, ignore fundamental concerns brought up in testimony, pass the bill. Rinse and repeat. Last year's [Untraceable Firearms](#) ban was no exception; as I predicted in testimony, in 2023 3D printed firearms are effectively banned in MD with no recompense. SB0655 is a welcome, much-needed exception to the status quo – I urge a favorable report.

SB0655 would allow individuals to claim a tax credit up to \$250 towards devices to safely store firearms. This relief is not only welcome, it's much needed; for scale, the cheapest fireproof safe at [Cabelas](#) is \$500. For most prospective gunowners, securing a weapon would be far more viable if doing so was not so costly. Instead of playing a game of chutes and ladders via some new vague restriction, the MGA could make direct changes that would benefit society. The scope of the impact here is very clearly defined, has no victim, and is extremely difficult to misinterpret by the layman; buy a safe, get a refund.

For these reasons I urge a favorable report of Senate Bill 0655.



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